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Mr. David R. Hardy, Esquire
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Dear Mr. Hardy:

In accordance with our several discussions, I am requesting through you a three-year extension of industry funding for our tobacco research program at Harvard University, to cover the academic years of July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1980. The sponsoring institution, as before, will be Harvard University, and we anticipate no change in the location of the performance of the research work. In my discussions with representative administration of Harvard Medical School, the exact format of the agreement previously used will be required to provide compensation for identifiable indirect costs related specifically to the project. We have previously confirmed by individual correspondence that the sponsoring companies are the sole owners of all equipment purchased in conjunction with this project. I would also ask, in addition, that the ownership of any such equipment purchased, both past and in the future, with tobacco funds be clarified in the formal agreement, as well.

We are requesting an amount of $622,014 for the direct costs of the first renewal year, and a total amount of $1,958,293 for the entire three-year period (budget summary enclosed). As before, payments should be provided in equal semiannual installments, with the apportionment of such payments made by the sponsoring companies among themselves.

We will attempt to develop additional support for this program from alternative sources. To continue the program in the comprehensive depth that we are now approaching, and to maintain it at an optimal level of productivity, our staff investigators have suggested a total budget of $834,154 for the first renewal year and a total amount of $2,487,050 for the three-year period. We are submitting this Fall a

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proposal to the National Institutes of Health for a Project Center Research Program relative to smoking and health. We have been, in the past, highly successful in raising Federal funds for research and it is our hope that the difference in funds needed to develop the program to what we believe to be its optimal depth and the amount we are now requesting from the tobacco industry will become available through NIH funding. For one reason or another, should we not obtain additional funding for this program from sources other than the tobacco industry, it will be necessary for us to reach a decision jointly with our sponsors on either a reduction in our total optimal effort or an increase in the magnitude of our industry support.

It has meant a great deal to me personally, and to the University as well, that we have had in the past unified tobacco industry support in this project; it is my hope that all of the companies now sponsoring this program will continue their participation. For the renewal period I will continue as the Principal Investigator in the project and, as such, will pledge to our sponsors the very best of my abilities to achieve those goals of the program outlined in our initial agreement. I and most of our Harvard faculty participants are committed to this project with the majority of our time and effort. I hope that the tobacco industry will approve our request, and we will continue to do our utmost to further develop and sustain a scientifically objective research program relative to smoking and health, with the goal of providing major contributions toward the solution of some of the questions regarding cigarette smoking.

Sincerely yours,

Gary L. Huber, M.D.

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